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SOIL SAMPLE PROCURING TOOL AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD OF TESTING
THE SOIL SAMPLE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office action dated August 17, 1999.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1.

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